



# Landfill FIRE UPDATE

**Fire Information: (540) 525-1539**



<http://www.incweb.org/incident/3749/>

*USDA Forest Service  
George Washington & Jefferson  
National Forests*

*Mount Rogers  
National Recreation Area*

**Wednesday, November 20, 2013  
10:00 a.m.**

<b>Location</b>	The Landfill Fire is located on the north slope of Horse Heaven Mountain, approximately one mile south of the town of Speedwell in Wythe County. It is east of Highway 21 and south of the Speedwell Landfill.
<b>Estimated Acreage</b>	Approximately 1200 acres
<b>Containment</b>	70% contained
<b>Overview</b>	Winds were favorable on Tuesday to resume burnout operations on the Landfill Fire. Firefighters set backburns to remove portions of the unburned fuels remaining inside of the fire perimeter. Weather conditions should remain favorable for crews to burnout the remaining fuels on Wednesday. The Landfill Fire is expected to be contained on Friday, November 22. Rehabilitation work on portions of the fire has been in place for several days.
<b>Fire Cause</b>	The fire was reported late Tuesday night, November 12, 2013. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
<b>Resources on the Fire</b>	Approximately 80 firefighters and support staff, including three initial attack crews, one dozer, one engine, and a helicopter are assisting with the Fire.
<b>Closures</b>	An area closure is in effect beginning with the national forest boundary east of highway 21; National forest boundary north and west of Forest Service Road 14 (CC Camp Road); National forest boundary south of Speedwell. Forest Road 14 is closed to the public.
<b>Cooperators</b>	USDA Forest Service Virginia Department of Forestry Speedwell Volunteer Fire Department Wythe County Emergency Management
<b>Fire Weather</b>	<p><b>Wednesday Weather:</b> Sunny, with a high near 45 degrees. East wind around 7 mph. Minimum humidity, 38%.</p> <p><b>Wednesday Night Weather:</b> Partly cloudy, with a low around 32 degrees. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm after midnight. Maximum humidity, 68%.</p> <p><b>Thursday Weather:</b> Partly sunny, with a high near 51 degrees. Southeast wind 3 to 7 mph. Minimum humidity, 55%.</p>
<b>General Fire Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safety of the public and firefighters is always the number one priority when dealing with wildfires.</li> <li>• Rehabilitation to areas impacted by the Landfill Fire is underway.</li> <li>• Smoke from the Landfill Fire may be visible near Speedwell and surrounding areas for several days.</li> <li>• Homeowners can learn how to make their homes less susceptible to wildfires by visiting: <a href="http://www.firewise.org">www.firewise.org</a></li> <li>• Places to get Fire Information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inciweb: <a href="http://www.incweb.org/incident/3749/">http://www.incweb.org/incident/3749/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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